

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 07945 171606Z

63

ACTION ACDA-19

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20

USIA-15 TRSE-00 SAJ-01 IO-14 OIC-04 SAM-01 OMB-01

AEC-11 DRC-01 /152 W

----- 061378

R 171546Z MAY 74

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2613

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USDEL SALT TWO GENEVA

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

USNMR SHAPE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 07945

SHAPE FOR INTAF

VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MILI, PFOR, FR, GW

SUBJECT: PLUTON DEPLOYMENT AND FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS

1. MAY 15 FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (FAZ) EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "QUESTION FOR PARIS," ADDRESSES ISSUE OF FRANCE, THE FRG AND THE FORCE DE FRAPPE. FAZ EDITORIAL STATES: "THE FRENCH ARMY HAS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS ACQUIRED ITS FIRST TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IN MAILLY-LE-CAMP, A FRENCH REGIMENT IS NOW EQUIPPED WITH MISSILES CARRYING A NUCLEAR WARHEAD. THE WEAPON HAS A ONE HUNDRED-KILOMETER RANGE. ITS BASE IS A STANDARD TANK. THE FORCE DE FRAPPE AS A STRATEGIC SWORD THUS HAS BEEN SUPPLEMENTED WITH A NUCLEAR WEAPON IN THE TACTICAL REALM. THAT RAISES POLITICAL QUESTIONS."

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 07945 171606Z

2. AFTER DISCUSSING THE APPLICABILITY OF PLUTON IN NEW CONCEPT OF BATTLE, BEYOND MERE DETERRENCE, THE FAZ EDITORIAL CONCLUDES: "WITH THIS TACNUC, THERE BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER OF FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS AS THE MISSILE WOULD EXPLODE IN CASE OF WAR FIRST ON OUR TERRITORY. WHEN BOTH STATES HAVE GOVERNMENTS AGAIN, THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE WILL NEED TO TALK ABOUT MORE THAN 'PLANNING GOALS.'"

3. COMMENT: ABOVE EDITORIAL ACCURATELY REFLECTS VIEW OF SENIOR FONOFF AND DEFMIN OFFICIALS THAT SATISFACTORY UNDERSTANDINGS SHOULD BE REACHED BETWEEN FRG AND FRANCE CONCERNING POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF PLUTON AGAINST TARGETS IN GERMANY. IN BONN'S VIEW, SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE REQUIRED EVEN IF FRENCH CONTINUE THEIR POLICY OF DEPLOYING PLUTON ONLY ON FRENCH SIDE OF RHINE. GERMANS CLEARLY HOPE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL FACILITATE SUCH UNDERSTANDING. OUR SOURCES CONSIDER FUTURE DEPLOYMENT OF PLUTON TO GERMAN TERRITORY BY NEW GOVERNMENT TO BE SPECULATIVE.
HILLENBRAND

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, MILITARY EQUIPMENT, MISSILES, NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NUCLEAR WARHEADS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 MAY 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BONN07945
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740123-0328
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740540/aaaabjcz.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ACDA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 MAR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 MAR 2002 by collinp0>; APPROVED <08 MAY 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PLUTON DEPLOYMENTAND FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS
TAGS: MARR, MILI, PFOR, FR, GE
To: STATE DOD
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005